

UNCLE SAM NOW HAS A SULTAN ON HAND

SOMETHING ABOUT THE POTENTIALITY OF THE SULTAN.

Spain Didn't Bother Him Much, and Paid Him \$2,400 a Year to See to Things—The Religion of the Group Is Mohammedan—Manners and Customs of the Natives.

From the New York Sun. When the American peace commissioners, in the negotiations at Paris, insisted on the cession of the Sulu archipelago to this country, the United States acquired a very picturesque and possible unruly vassal in the person of his highness the sultan of Sulu, together with his harem of Sultanas and something more than 100,000 Muslim subjects. Thus for the first time in the Mohammedan religion brought under the protection of the Stars and Stripes.

Isaac Long

73 and 75 Public Square, WILKES-BARRE. IMPORTERS AND RETAILERS OF COSTUMES AND SELECT DRY GOODS.

After an Introduction,

If you're interested, it's well to look into the standing of your newly made acquaintance; as to his reputation, reliability, and characteristics. We introduced ourselves to the women of Scranton, through the Tribune, last September; and again on March 6th.

Of Ourselves

and the "how" of our methods: we have been established in Wilkes-Barre for years. Our methods are honest, our goods are of highest quality, and our prices most moderate. We make mistakes—so do you and others; but we cheerfully rectify errors—others don't always do it that way.

We pay express or freight charges on all purchases, whether you live one or one thousand miles from our store. If, for any reason, aye, or fancied reason, your purchase does not please, we also pay the return charges. We term that fair, you must consider it surprising.

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Dress Stuffs

Our Parisian representative saw these weaves and fabrics long months before they reached our counters. There are novelty stuffs in single Robe and Skirt patterns—no duplicates—no assured exclusiveness.

Here, too, are handsome Suitings from England—smart materials for Tailor-Made Gowns and Outing Suits. And the American mills are not a whit behind their foreign cousins in the matter of newness and beauty.

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This is a long story and no space to tell it in. We know we have the largest, best and most exclusive showing in this region; and we don't hesitate to state so plainly.

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We are willing

To spend more time in the showing of all these than we have in the telling, whether you buy or no.

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In 1857 the island of Sulu was partly conquered by General Arolas, who was lately in command of the Spanish garrison of Havana. In this conquest the sultan did not fare so badly, for he secured the title of excellency and an annual pension of \$2,400, besides a renewal of the decree of 1877 exempting the entire population of the archipelago from taxation for a second period of ten years, from 1887. Spain has never been able to levy tribute upon the sultan of Sulu. In fact, Spanish jurisdiction of Mindanao and the Sulus has always been of the most limited description.

It is at great sacrifice that the Spaniards can retain the Sulu possession which they have acquired in the south, and frequent acts of violence are still perpetrated on them by the turbulent Muslims, who virtually refuse to recognize other rights than those of their sultans, to whom they give allegiance. Indeed, it may be interestingly asserted that the Spaniards hold no more domain in Mindanao and the Sultanate of Sulu than that of a day's march from their respective garrisons, and in Mindanao, in particular, not one hundredth part of the territory.

SULTAN'S RESIDENCE. His highness the sultan resides at Maybun, in the island of Sulu, the largest in the archipelago. It is about thirty-four miles long and twelve broad. There are 40 or 50 islands in the sultanate, eighty or ninety of which are uninhabited. Sulu, the Spanish capital of the group, was fortified and put in good sanitary order some years ago by General Parrado, recently stationed at Havana, and a member of the evacuation commission. This officer in the early eighties was governor of Sulu. He erected land defenses and furnished the town with a pure water supply. His government was one of martial law. The sultan at Maybun, on the southern coast, ruled without Spanish interference.

A visit to this potentate is described by Mr. Foreman, who found the palace a large and well-constructed building of wood and bamboo, with a spacious vestibule decorated with shrubs and tropical plants. He was received by three eunuchs who conducted him to the throne room. Mr. Foreman says:

A PEN PICTURE. "His excellency was dressed in very tight silk trousers, fastened partly up the sides with showy chased gold or gilt buttons—a short Eton-cut olive-green jacket with an infinity of buttons, white socks, ornamented slippers, a red sash around his waist, a kind of turban and a kris at his side. One could almost have imagined him to be a Spanish bull fighter with an Oriental finish off. We all bowed low, and the sultan, surrounded by his sultanas, put his hands to his temples, and on lowering them he bowed at the same time. There was a pause and the sultan motioned to us to repose on cushions on the floor, and we did so. The cushions covered with rich silk, were very comfortable. Servants in fantastic costumes were constantly in attendance serving hotel-nut.

"One sultana was fairly pretty, or had been so, but the remainder were heavy, languid and lazy in their movements; and their teeth, dyed black, did not embellish their personal appearance. They all wore light colored dual garments of great width and light bodies. Their coiffure was carefully finished, but unfortunately a part of their forehead was hidden by an ugly fringe of hair."

INHERITS THE THRONE.

The sultanate is a hereditary monarchy under the Sulu law, which excludes women from the throne. His highness is a Mussulman by faith, acknowledging the supreme religious authority of the sultan of Turkey, and being under the religious obligation of all Mussulmans of having to make a pilgrimage to Mecca. In order that he may do so, one of his ministers, of whom there are three, is named as regent to act as ruler in the event of his absence. The other members of the sultan's cabinet are the minister of war and the minister of justice and medals. The sultan is supreme in his authority over the lives and property of his subjects, but is advised in matters of state by a council of elders. Under him, but not fully acknowledging his authority, are a number of petty chiefs, called Datos, who collect tribute in his name and pay over to the royal treasury, not that of Spain, but that of the sultan, such portion of their revenues as remains after satisfying their own wants.

Slavery is one of the fixed institutions of the archipelago. It exists by birth and by conquest, prisoners of war, insolvent debtors, and unfortunatees seized by piratical expeditions being held in bondage.

MOHAMMEDANS.

The Sulu Islanders and the inhabitants of Mindanao will be the first Mussulmans ever under the jurisdiction of the Stars and Stripes. In the last treaty between Spain and the sultan of Sulu, the two powers especially agreed that the Mussulmans should not be persecuted for their religion. Efforts by Jesuits to Christianize the Mussulman population of Sulu and Mindanao have steadily resulted in failure, the missionaries as a rule having been put to death. Mussulman fanaticism is well exemplified in the devotees known as juramentados, or sworn Mussulmans, whose belief is that a vow taken to die taking the blood of a Christian, if consummated, will bring them eternal bliss in the presence of the Great Prophet. These fanatics are a most dangerous class, as unruly as a Malay who runs

amuck or the howling Dervishes of the Soudan. The highest religious office is that of sheikh, which is a hereditary post, carrying with it temporal power. His subordinate in the hierarchy are known as pandita, a title having the significance of priest. The pandita wields large influence alike in worldly and spiritual affairs, performing the duties of physician and officiating at the religious exercises of his faith.

Public worship is held on Friday, when worshippers are called on the mosque by beating upon a box or hollow piece of wood. Solemn ceremonies are held on the day of the funeral of a datto or chief the pandita intone a weird chant, accompanied with cymbals and gongs and the loud lamentations of the mourners. This ceremony is followed by a feast, after which the body, attired in white, is sprinkled with salt and camphor and laid away in a wooden coffin, the place of burial being marked by a wooden or stone slab inscribed in Arabic. A shell full of water is placed on the grave.

CUSTOMS.

The Sulu Islanders follow the habits of Mussulmans in the matter of dress. Favorite colors among the women are scarlet and green. They wear a baggy dual rather garment and a tight-fitting bodice and sleeves, showing the contour of the figure. On the head they place a narrow cloth snuck open at the sides and reaching nearly to the feet, the lower part of which is caught up and tucked under the arms. Like Orientals generally they are fond of jewelry, and wear many finger rings of shell and metal, as well as large and flashy earrings. Their hair is arranged in a coil on the top of the head.

Male dress is equally bright in color, consisting of close-fitting breeches and waistcoat, both profusely decorated with buttons, and a jacket reaching to the hips. A turban serves for head-dress. Chiefs add many additional adornments to their costumes. Of the Sulus it has been said that "they are of quick perception, audacious, extremely bold, ready to promise everything and do nothing, vindictive, and highly suspicious of a stranger's intentions. They are very long-suffering in adversity, hesitating in attack, and the bravest of the bravest in defense." Hardy in constitution, their bodies are agile and active, and they have cultivated a high degree of the art of diving and remaining under water, an accomplishment which serves them in pearl fishing, one of their chief industries. Their complexion is dark bronze, their eyes piercing, foreheads low, hair lank and worn hanging down the neck. Agriculture and manufactures are in a primitive state. Arms, such as swords, lances, daggers, arrows and coats of mail impervious to hand weapons, are made at home. Trade is confined principally to pearls, shells and shark fins. Many rites have been imported into the archipelago from foreign sources. All small inhabitants above 16 years are compelled to undergo military service. The language used is a mixture of Sanscrit and Arabic.

FORMERLY PIRATES.

For two centuries and a half the Mussulmans of Mindanao and the Sulus were pirates and a source of terror to the entire Philippine group. Their war junks, though never exceeding seven tons in size, were skillfully navigated and able to make long voyages. Murder, rapine and the slave trade were the objects of the piratical expeditions sent to Negros, Panay, and even to Luzon prior to the development of steam navigation.

Countless expeditions against these pirates were organized by the Spaniards at great cost, but it was not until 1850, when eighteen steam gunboats were sent to the Philippines, that Mussulman piracy, except in the immediate neighborhood of their own islands, was completely extinguished. Zamboanga, the strongly fortified port and naval station on the southern coast of Mindanao, to which the Spanish forces recently retreated from Iloilo, was long the headquarters of Spanish operations against the piratical Moslems. It was in Spanish possession for over a century, and until very lately the only Spanish outpost held in the Mussulman territory.

SPORTING NOTES.

Jack McCarthy has signed to play in the outfield for Scranton on a San Francisco paper says, Jack says no. Salary too small. Dugglesby, who was loaned to Wilkes-Barre last season by the Phillies, is spending the winter at Boston. He is inclined to think that he will be used as one of the regular pitchers by Manager Shettsline, of Philadelphia, next season. John Richter, who played a few games for the Colonels at third base towards the close of the last season, and whom a good many thought would become a permanent member of the Louisville, will return to Wilkes-Barre for the season. He is a strong ball player and capable of better things. Pitcher Dan McFarland, who lives at Louisville, and who was drafted by the Brooklyn club from Montreal, has not yet signed his contract with Manager Hanlon. It is understood that Manager Selig is anxious for this pitcher, and would do all he could to have him a member of the Boston.

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